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SUBJ: GRENADA CLASH RESULTS IN ONE DEATH

1. ONE MAN WAS REPORTEDLY KILLED AND AT LEAST SIX, INCLUDING TWO POLICEMEN, INJURED IN GRENADA JAN 21, WHEN PRO-AND ANTI-GOVT FORCES CLASHED OUTSIDE ROW OF TRADE UNION OFFICES IN ST GEORGE'S DOCKSIDE DISTRICT. CLASH FOLLOWED ANOTHER IN SERIES OF MASS ANTI-GOVT DEMONSTRATIONS LED BY WATERFRONT WORKERS AND OTHER OPPOSITION GROUPS. ACCORDING TO PRESS, PRO-GOVT SUPPORTERS, SINGING AND WAVING PLACARDS, PUSHED THEIR WAY INTO CROWD OF OPPOSITION DEMONSTRATORS OUTSIDE OTWAY HOUSE, WHERE MOXW LABOR UNIONS INVOLVED IN CURRENT STRIKE HAVE THEIR OFFICSS. PART OF CROWD SMASHED CARS AND WINDOWS AT UNION HEADQUARTERS WHERE SOME PASSERS BY HAD TAKEN REFUGE. GOVT SUPPORTERS REPORTEDLY PELTED OTWAY HOUSE WITH BOTTLES OF

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FRUIT DRINKS TAKEN FROM PASSING TRUCK. POLICE FIRED IN AIR

TO DISPERSE CROWD, AND REPORTERS AT SCENE CLAIM SOME SHOTS  
ALSO FIRED BY GOVT SUPPORTERS.

2. KILLED WAS RUPERT BISHOP, BUSINESSMAN AND FATHER OF MAURICE  
BISHOP, COORDINATING SECRETARY OF THE MILITANT NEW JEWEL  
MOVEMENT, WHOSE BEATING BY POLICE AIDES LAST NOV 18 SPARKED  
CURRENT WAVE OF PROTESTS. BISHOP REPORTEDLY DIED AT ST GEORGE'S  
GENERAL HOSPITAL FROM INJURIES SUFFERED DURING CLASH. TWO  
OTHER PERSONS REPORTEDLY HOSPITALIZED. PRESS REPORTS THAT  
DEPUTY PREMIER PREUDHOMME HAD CAR WINDOW SMASHED WHILE  
EVADING ROAD BLOCK AS HE DROVE FROM COUNTRY INTO ST GEORGE'S  
JAN 21.

3. FORMER GOVERNOR DAME HILDA BYNOE, WHO RESIGNED LAST WEEK,  
DEPARTED GRENADA UNANNOUNCED WITH HUSBAND PETER BYNOE JAN 21,  
STOPPING IN ST VINCENT AS GUEST OF GOVERNOR SIR RUPERT JOHN BEFORE  
FLYING BY CHARTERED AIRPLANE TO TRINIDAD.

4. COMMENT: EYE-WITNESSES TO JAN 21 INCIDENT CLAIM CLASH  
INSTIGATED BY GAIRY'S SUPPOSEDLY OUTLAWED POLICE AIDES.  
GAIRY REPORTEDLY ANNOUNCED OVER RADIO THAT HE WAS RECALLING  
POLICE AIDES TO QUELL STRIKES AND DEMONSTRATIONS AND MET WITH  
LARGE GATHERING OF POLICE AIDES AT HIS OFFICIAL RESIDENCE  
MORNING OF JAN 21 JUST BEFORE CLASH OCCURRED. IF THESE REPORTS  
ACCURATE, YESTERDAY'S INCIDENT, AND PARTICULARLY DEATH OF  
RUPERT BISHOP, CERTAIN TO INCREASE OPPOSITION BITTERNESS AND  
MAKE ANY POLITICAL COMPROMISE EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT, IF NOT  
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